

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1492 - HB 1771

March 18, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Transfers authority to approve handgun safety courses from the Department of Safety to the Department of Commerce and Insurance and requires persons teaching firearm courses to be certified by the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance. A violation of the provisions of this bill is punishable as a Class C misdemeanor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues – \$63,000/Dept. of Commerce & Insurance

Decrease State Revenues - \$12,350/Dept. of Safety

Increase State Expenditures –

\$54,300 Recurring/Dept. of Commerce & Insurance

\$8,700 One-Time/Dept. of Commerce & Insurance

\$2,100 Recurring/TBI

\$2,450 Recurring/Dept. of Safety

Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – \$7,000*

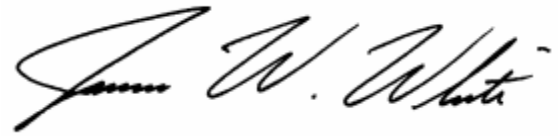
Assumptions:

- An increase in state revenues from the collection of certification fees. Assumes approximately 900 instructors and schools will pay an average fee of \$70.
- A decrease in state revenues to the Dept. of Safety from not collecting fees from firearm schools and instructors.
- A one-time and recurring increase in state expenditures to the Dept. of C&I for one position and related operational expenses.
- An increase in state expenditures to cover fees for 30 firearms instructors in the TBI and 35 firearms instructors the Dept. of Safety who would be required to obtain certification and pay fees.
- A not significant decrease in state expenditures to the Dept. of Safety as a result of no longer certifying firearms instructors and schools.
- Approximately 100 firearms instructors employed by a local government would have to obtain certification and pay fees resulting in an increase in local government expenditures.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for local governments to experience any significant increase in revenues or expenditures.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director